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21st Century Community Learning Centers

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Technical Evaluation Report

21st CCLC Local Evaluation - Year One (2022-2023)

Diehl Consulting Group serves as the local evaluator for the program. As such, a comprehensive process and outcome evaluation was conducted to measure progress toward all program goals and objectives/performance measures. This includes administration of required and supplemental student, parent, and staff surveys; site visits to assess quality practices; and analysis of site-specific performance measure data. As required, the site also completed the Indiana Quality Program Self-Assessment (IN-QPSA). Collectively, these evaluation activities inform progress and identify areas for continued program growth.

This Technical Evaluation Report is aligned with all 21st CCLC local evaluation reporting requirements outlined by the Indiana Department of Education (IDOE). Specifically, this section of the report summarizes site program information, data collection methods, and detailed results toward all program goals and objectives. Additional information related to evaluation methodology is available upon request. The following sections make up the framework of this report.

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Section 1: Site Summary Information

Section 1A provides a snapshot of the 21st Century Community Learning Center (21st CCLC) site, including contextual information, specific program offerings, hours of operation, and the population served. This section also includes highlights of the program's successes from the current reporting year and opportunities to strengthen specific program areas for the next school year.

A. Site Snapshot

Wilson Elementary

Cohort 11 Grant: Youth Link Southern Indiana is partnering with Clarksville Community Schools and Greater Clark County School District to implement 21st CCLC programs across four sites: Clarksville Elementary, Northaven Elementary, Parkwood Elementary, and Wilson Elementary. The program provides enriched learning opportunities with specific goals directed toward improving grades in English/language arts and math, improving academic habits (turning in homework, overall academic performance), improving social emotional skills and student behavior, and increasing family engagement.

Center-level Program Description: Wilson Elementary School provides enriched learning opportunities including afterschool tutoring and homework assistance, enrichment, STEM, and parental and family engagement. Additional literacy activities are included as a priority area for the program.

Hours of Operation: Monday through Thursday, 3:15 pm to 6:15 pm

Types of Programming and Activities Offered: Homework Help, Tutoring, STEM, Book Club, Fit Kids, Drama, Library.

Population Served: 1-5

2022-2023 Program Site Successes

- **Program Quality:** Student, parent, and staff responses to the Quality Rating Scale were positive. Specifically, all groups reported high levels of agreement related to the program quality domains of environment and climate (93% to 100%), student-staff relationships (93% to 100%), engagement (85% to 100%), and school day linkages (87% to 100%). The fall site visit also strengths around staff engagement, student enjoyment of activities, and incentivization utilized to increase student participation. Further, the site had a well-facilitated and thorough literacy activity.
- **IN-QPSA Completion:** The site completed in the IN-QPSA assessment during the spring semester. Action plan information from this process is incorporated back in to program planning and professional development within the site. (Standard 27c)
- **Academic Achievement:** High levels of academic achievement were noted for regular attendees in both reading and math, and all academic performance measure targets were exceeded. Specifically, 85% of regular attendees earned a 'C' or better or increased their ELA grade by spring, and 88% earned a 'C' or better or improved their math grade by spring. On the DOE Teacher's Survey, teachers reported that 81% of students improved or needed no improvement in academic performance and 65% improved or needed no improvement in completing homework.

- **Attendance:** The program served 27 students during the 2022-2023 school year. Of those 27 students, 26 met the regular attendee threshold (45 days or more).
- **Program Satisfaction:** All parents and staff (100%) and most students (87%) reported being satisfied with the afterschool program on the spring survey.
- **Student Social/Behavioral Well-being:** The majority of students reported that the program helps them to make better decisions (67%), make more friends (77%), and get along better with others (63%).
- **Literacy Activities (Priority Area):** The site incorporates several strategies to help connect students to the reading material including picture walks, vocabulary review, and read and respond. In addition to the literacy activity, the site incorporates daily journal share and daily reading time.

Areas to be strengthened in 2023-2024

1. Family Communication: Staff noted challenges connecting with parents and caregivers. Staff worked to overcome these challenges by adapting their communication approaches to align with families' needs/expectations. Staff noted successes when providing newsletters and weekly communication forms with families. Program staff are encouraged to continue exploring various strategies for communicating with families. Strategies that may be considered include completing a "family-friendly walkthrough" to ensure that program space is welcoming to all families, reviewing written communication to ensure accessibility (e.g., reading level) and cultural appropriateness, and seeking out families at school and community events. Finally, the program may explore partnerships with other local organizations that have strong rapport with local families (Standard 9).

B. Summary of Progress Toward Performance Measures with Multi-year Comparisons

Section 1B provides a multi-year comparison of the site’s performance measures. 21st CCLC sites measure performance across three outcome categories: Academic Achievement, Social/Behavioral, and Family Engagement. Data sources were identified for each of the performance measures listed below. Data were collected based on availability from the school district and from required and supplemental surveys (i.e., DOE Teacher Survey, Stakeholder Surveys). Results are provided below using color blocks to indicate progress towards targets: **Green** = met or exceeded target, **Yellow** = within 5 percentage points of target, **Red** = far below target, and **NA** = data were not available.

Category 1: Academic Outcomes

Academic Achievement

Report Card Grades - English Language Arts	Year	Target	Results
65% of regular attendees will earn a 'C' or better or increase their ELA grade from fall to spring.	YR 1	65%	85%
	YR 2		
	YR 3		
	YR 4		

Explanation : Final Report Card grade data were used to assess progress.

Report Card Grades - Math	Year	Target	Results
65% of regular attendees will earn a 'C' or better or increase their math grade from fall to spring.	YR 1	65%	88%
	YR 2		
	YR 3		
	YR 4		

Explanation : Final Report Card grade data were used to assess progress.

DOE Teacher Survey Academic Habits - Academic Performance	Year	Target	Results
65% of regular attendees will improve or need no improvement to 'academic performance' in spring as reported by school day teachers.	YR 1	65%	81%
	YR 2		
	YR 3		
	YR 4		

Explanation : Teachers were asked to complete a survey designed for 21st CCLC to investigate changes in behavior. Specifically, teachers were asked to indicate if the student needed to improve and whether the trait or behavior improved, declined, or stayed the same by spring.

DOE Teacher Survey Academic Habits - Completing Homework	Year	Target	Results
65% of regular students will improve or need no improvement to 'completing homework' in spring, as reported by school day teachers.	YR 1	65%	65%
	YR 2		
	YR 3		
	YR 4		

Explanation : Teachers were asked to complete a survey designed for 21st CCLC to investigate changes in behavior. Specifically, teachers were asked to indicate if the student needed to improve and whether the trait or behavior improved, declined, or stayed the same by spring.

Category 2: Social/Behavioral Outcomes

Social/Emotional Learning

Make Better Decisions	Year	Target	Results
65% of students will report they make better decisions because of the program. (Quality Rating Scale)	YR 1	65%	67%
	YR 2		
	YR 3		
	YR 4		

Explanation: As part of the Quality Rating Scale administration, students rated their agreement with behavior questions (e.g., "I make better decisions because of the program."). The percentage of students reporting "Agree" or "Strongly Agree" was used to track progress.

In-School or Afterschool Behavior

Suspensions/Disciplinary Action	Year	Target	Results
90% of regular attendees will have no suspensions during the school year.	YR 1	90%	96%
	YR 2		
	YR 3		
	YR 4		

Explanation: Discipline data were pulled from student records and merged with attendance data.

Category 3: Family Engagement Outcomes

Involvement in Student's Education at Home

Talks with Child About Their Day	Year	Target	Results
65% of parents will report talking to their child about their school day ('a few times a week' to 'daily'). (Quality Rating Scale)	YR 1	65%	100%
	YR 2		
	YR 3		
	YR 4		

Explanation: As part of the Quality Rating Scale administration, parents rated the frequency with which they exhibit specific parental involvement activities (e.g., talks with child about their day at school). The percentage of parents reporting engaging in the behavior "a few times a week" to "daily" was used to track progress.

Reviews Grades	Year	Target	Results
65% of parents will report reviewing their child's grades on assignments and tests ('at least once a week'). (Quality Rating Scale)	YR 1	65%	91%
	YR 2		
	YR 3		
	YR 4		

Explanation: As part of the Quality Rating Scale administration, parents rated the frequency with which they exhibit specific parental involvement activities (e.g., reviews grades on assignments and tests). The percentage of parents reporting engaging in the behavior "at least once a week" was used to track progress.

Section 2: Detailed Results

(with Multi-year Comparisons)

This section includes detailed results supporting the progress towards goals and objectives/performance measures outlined in Section 1. Data are organized to support multi-year comparisons.

A. Program Attendance

Key Findings

- The program served a total of 27 students during Year One.
- In Year One, 26 students attended the program 45 days or more and met the regular attendee threshold. The regularly attending participant target was met.

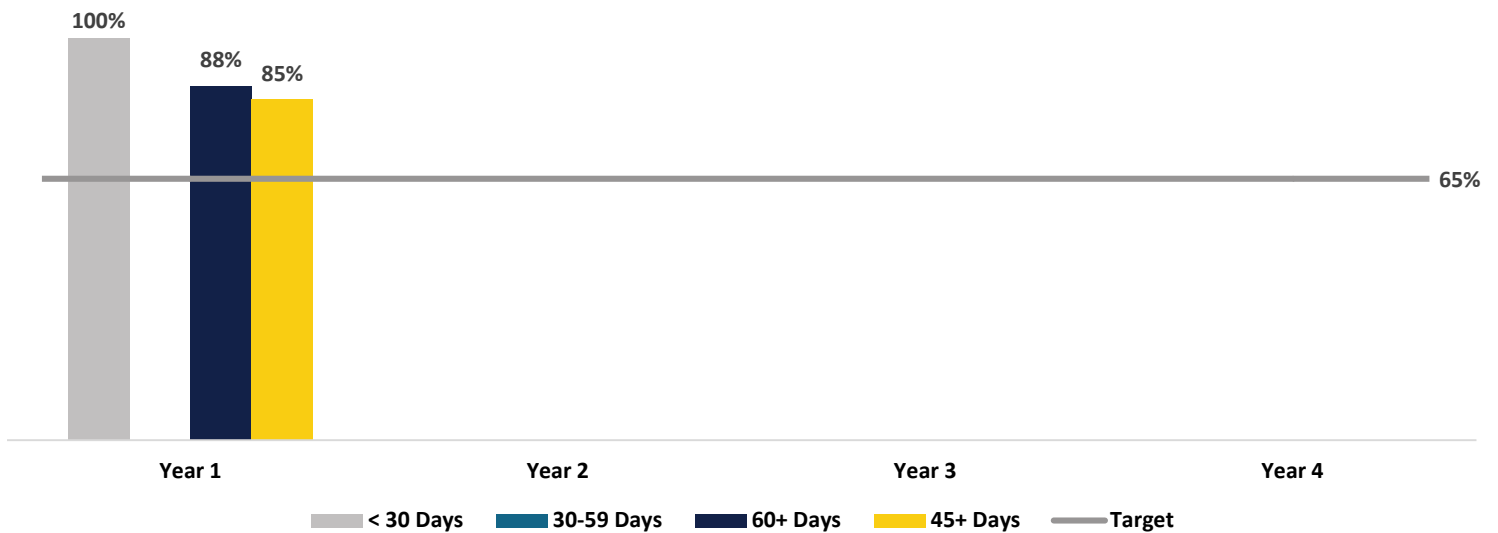
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	Attendee Type			Attendee Type			Attendee Type			Attendee Type		
Participant Demographics	Total	≥ 45	%	Total	≥ 45	%	Total	≥ 45	%	Total	≥ 45	%
1st Grade	5	5	100%									
2nd Grade	2	2	100%									
3rd Grade	6	5	83%									
4th Grade	9	9	100%									
5th Grade	5	5	100%									
F/R Lunch	18	17	94%									
Non-White	16	16	100%									
Special Ed	7	7	100%									
Female	13	12	92%									
Male	14	14	100%									
Total	27	26	96%									

B1. Report Card Grades - Reading/ELA

Key Findings

- In Year One, 85% (22/26) of regular attendees earned a 'C' or better or increased their ELA/reading grade by spring.

Percent of Students Who Received a 'C' or Better or Increased Grade



Grade-Level Breakdown By Year (% Earned a 'C' or Better or Increased)

	Year 1								Year 2							
	< 30 Days		30-59 Days		≥ 60 Days		≥ 45 Days		< 30 Days		30-59 Days		≥ 60 Days		≥ 45 Days	
	n/N	%	n/N	%	n/N	%	n/N	%	n/N	%	n/N	%	n/N	%	n/N	%
1	--	--	--	--	5/5	100%	5/5	100%								
2	--	--	--	--	2/2	100%	2/2	100%								
3	1/1	100%	--	--	4/5	80%	4/5	80%								
4	--	--	--	--	9/9	100%	9/9	100%								
5	--	--	0/1	0%	2/4	50%	2/5	40%								
Tot	1/1	100%	0/1	0%	22/25	88%	22/26	85%								
	Year 3								Year 4							
	< 30 Days		30-59 Days		≥ 60 Days		≥ 45 Days		< 30 Days		30-59 Days		≥ 60 Days		≥ 45 Days	
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B2. Report Card Grades - Math

Key Findings

- In Year One, 88% (23/26) of regular attendees earned a 'C' or better or increased their math grade by spring.

Percent of Students Who Received a 'C' or Better or Increased Grade



Grade-Level Breakdown By Year (% Earned a 'C' or Better or Increased)

	Year 1								Year 2							
	< 30 Days		30-59 Days		≥ 60 Days		≥ 45 Days		< 30 Days		30-59 Days		≥ 60 Days		≥ 45 Days	
	n/N	%	n/N	%	n/N	%	n/N	%	n/N	%	n/N	%	n/N	%	n/N	%
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2	--	--	--	--	2/2	100%	2/2	100%								
3	1/1	100%	--	--	5/5	100%	5/5	100%								
4	--	--	--	--	8/9	89%	8/9	89%								
5	--	--	1/1	100%	2/4	50%	3/5	60%								
Tot	1/1	100%	1/1	100%	22/25	88%	23/26	88%								
	Year 3								Year 4							
	< 30 Days		30-59 Days		≥ 60 Days		≥ 45 Days		< 30 Days		30-59 Days		≥ 60 Days		≥ 45 Days	
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C1. School-Related Behaviors (DOE Teacher Survey)

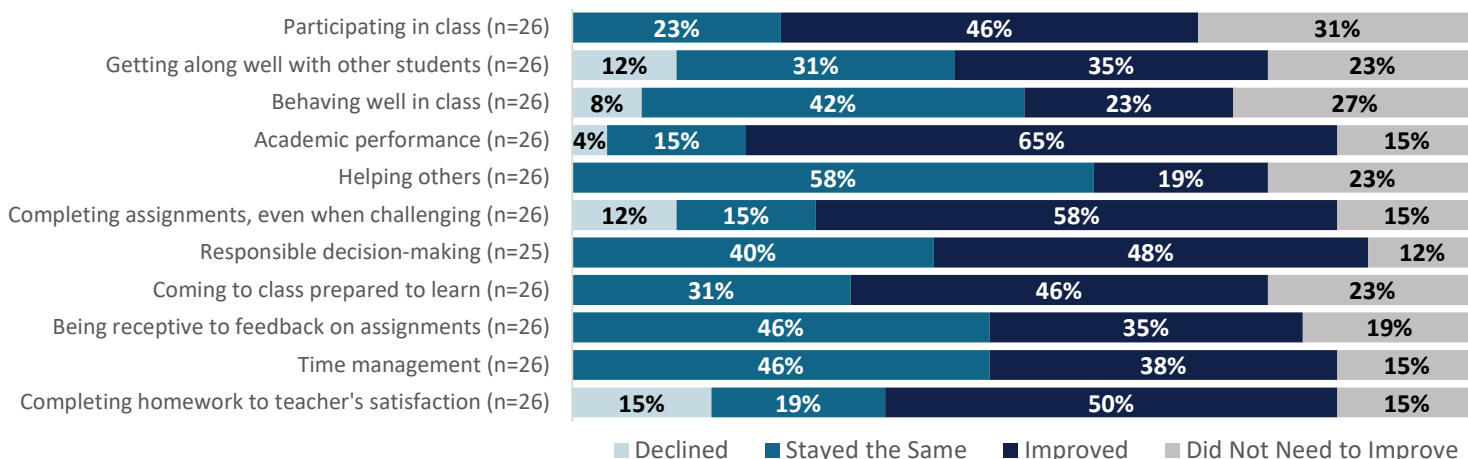
The Department of Education requires teachers to complete a survey for each student who participates in 21st CCLC programming during the grant year. The survey investigates changes in students' school-day behaviors and traits. Survey responses are divided into three categories: 1) Student Did Not Need to Improve, 2) Improvement Needed, or 3) Not Sure. If improvement was needed, teachers were asked to indicate if behavior "Improved," "Stayed the Same," or "Declined" by spring. Detailed results for regular attending participants (RAPs) are provided below. The data below reflect the state definition of regular attendance: 45 days of attendance for elementary, middle, and high school participants.

Key Findings

- In Year One, teachers reported the greatest percentages of students showing improvements in the areas of academic performance, completing assignments, even when challenging, and participating in class.
- In Year One, teachers reported 85% of students benefited from participating in the afterschool program.

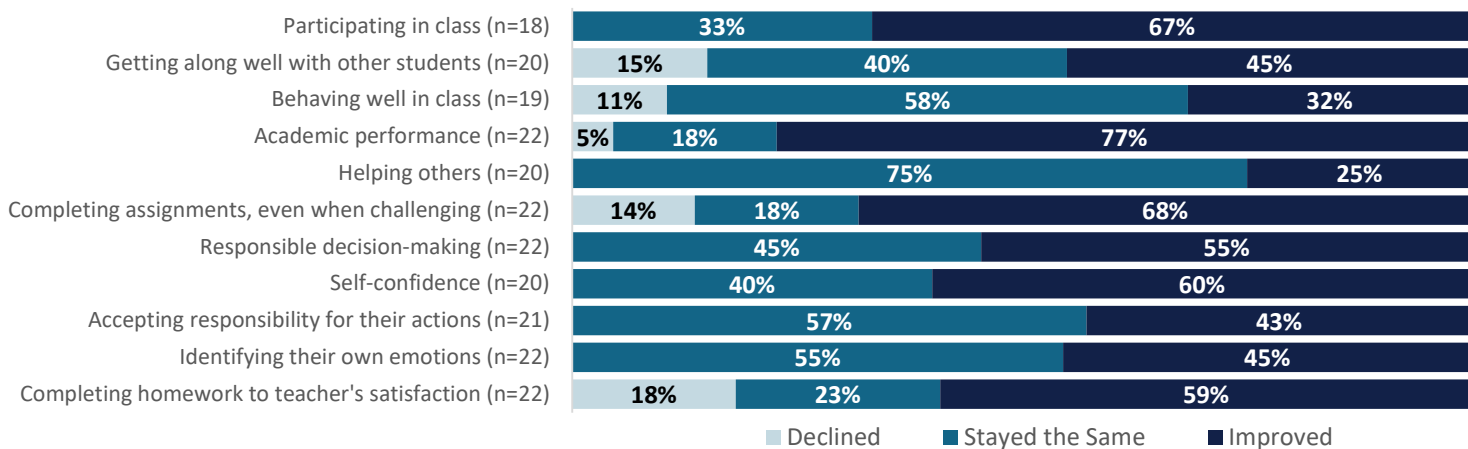
School-Related Behaviors (K-12 DOE Teacher Survey) – Year 1

Percent of RAPs (45+ days) demonstrating improvement or not needing to improve, as reported by teachers



School-Related Behaviors (K-12 DOE Teacher Survey) – Year 1

Percent of RAPs (45+ days) who needed to improve demonstrating improvement, as reported by teachers.

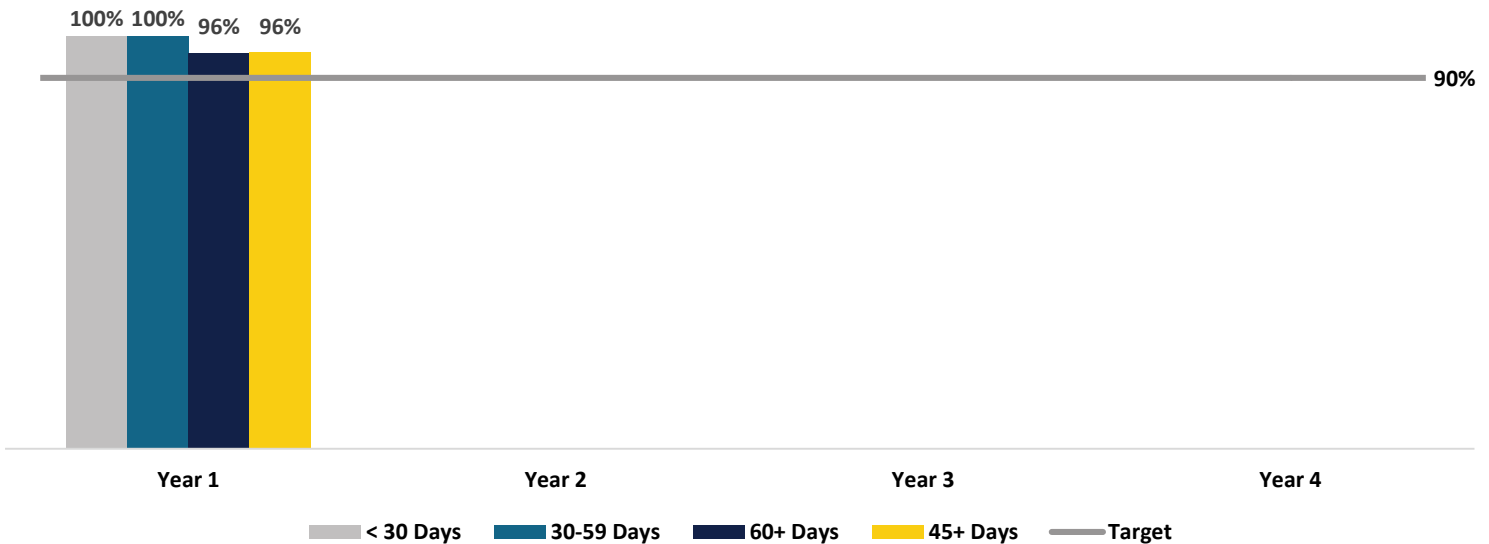


C2. School-Related Behaviors - Suspension

Key Findings

- In Year One, 96% (25/26) of regular attendees did not receive a suspension during the school year.

Percent of Students Who Did NOT Receive a Suspension



Grade-Level Breakdown By Year (% No Suspension)

	Year 1								Year 2							
	< 30 Days		30-59 Days		≥ 60 Days		≥ 45 Days		< 30 Days		30-59 Days		≥ 60 Days		≥ 45 Days	
	n/N	%	n/N	%	n/N	%	n/N	%	n/N	%	n/N	%	n/N	%	n/N	%
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Tot	1/1	100%	1/1	100%	24/25	96%	25/26	96%								
	Year 3								Year 4							
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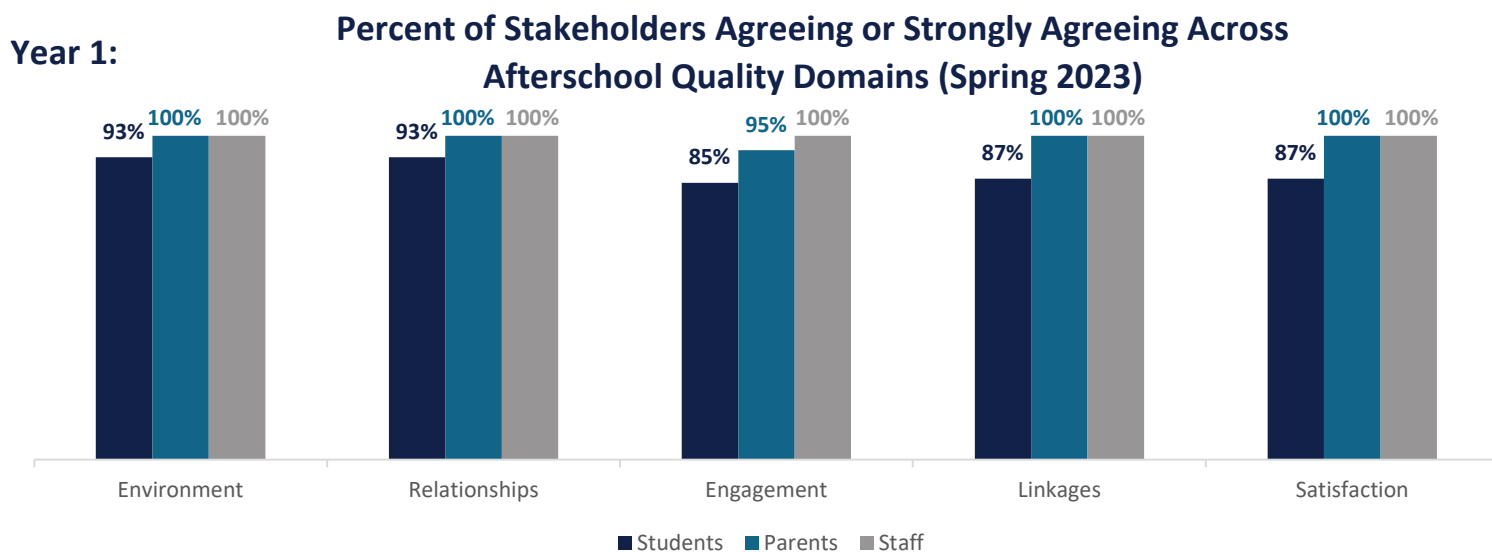
D. Student, Parent, and Staff Surveys

This section presents results from the Quality Rating Scale (QRS) administered during the spring semester to students, parents, and staff members within the 21st CCLC program. The QRS was developed by Diehl Consulting and is aligned with research-based quality practices associated with high functioning afterschool programs. The scale measures five domains of afterschool quality:

- **Environment and Climate:** The extent to which the environment and climate possess basic conditions of learning, such as safe and clean rooms, welcoming staff, and clear and fair rules.
- **Relationships:** The extent to which positive relationships between and among staff and students are developed, supported, and maintained, such as staff showing respect to students, students feeling that they are listened to, and students at ease in developing friendships.
- **Youth Participation and Engagement:** The extent to which students are involved in the planning of activities, have choices as to which ones to participate in, and actively participate.
- **School Day and Afterschool Linkages:** The extent to which day school and afterschool staff members communicate and align activities to address academic and enrichment needs of students.
- **Parent/Family/Community Partnerships:** The extent to which strong partnerships with parents, families, and community organizations are provided, such as parents feeling involved in decision making, staff communicating effectively with parents, and welcoming staff. Only parents provided a rating for this domain.

In addition to these quality domains, the scale also included an overall rating of satisfaction and participants' perceptions of program benefits on the following school adjustment related outcomes: grades in school, attendance, positive peer relations, and preparation for school.

Supplemental questions may also be added based on the site's priority area or the types of activities and programming provided (e.g., STEM, College Career Readiness, Healthy Lifestyles, Social Emotional Learning).



E. Site Visit and Coordinator Interview Summaries

During the 2022-2023 school year, a fall site visit was conducted for this site using the observation protocol based on Indiana Afterschool Standards. A summary of strengths, considerations, and general feedback from the site visit is provided below. Where appropriate, feedback was aligned with standards and indicators from the IN-QPSA.

Fall Site Visit: Summary Observations

Strengths

Staff Engagement: Staff were friendly and personable with all students. (e.g., “Hey sweetie, how are you? How is your sister?” “Hey baby girl, I missed you.”). Students were excited to see Ms. LeAnn and squealed with excitement. Staff were observed welcoming students, giving hugs, helping with homework, and chatting with them about their day or plans for Halloween (costumes, favorite candy, trick-or-treating plans). Staff appeared happy to be in the program and were smiling and laughing with students. Ms. Morgan and Ms. LeAnn helped students with their homework and puppets, while Ms. Cham led activities (attendance, journal share, trivia).

Literacy Priority/Coaching Session: The literacy activity was well facilitated and thorough. Staff incorporated several strategies to help connect students to the reading material/story (e.g., picture walk, vocabulary review, read and respond). The literacy coach was focused and redirected students back to the story when they got off track or distracted and provided students with praise and positive reinforcement after reading and sharing (e.g., “You all are awesome and wonderful,” “Good job sweetheart, I’m proud of you.”). In addition to the literacy coaching sessions, this site also incorporates daily journal share time and daily reading for 20 minutes. Students who did not have homework were observed reading quietly.

Student Enjoyment: All students appeared to enjoy being in the program. Students were also happy and excited to go with the literacy coach. Students were smiling, participating in activities, and appeared happy to be at Youth Link. The program continues to provide a welcoming and friendly environment where students want to stay during the afterschool hours. Many students were upset when they were being picked up because they wanted to stay and finish their puppet project. Ms. Cham let those students take their materials home to finish.

Student Participation/Incentives: Staff do a good job of encouraging and rewarding students who share and participate in activities. Ms. Cham has a prize tub and students were called up to pick out a prize after participating and sharing (journal share, trivia game).

Considerations

Parent Sign-Out: During dismissal, parents arrive at the cafeteria door and sign out their student on a clipboard. Some parents will notify the site coordinator (call/text) when they have arrived. Students were told their parent was here and they would grab their bookbag and belongings and leave. It was not clear if EDL staff verified the parent during pick-up. Students left the room and walked to the door. Staff may consider escorting the student to the door with the clipboard and signing the student out with the parent. This will allow them to verify the parent and talk with them before the student leaves. It was not clear if this is typically how dismissal is done or if EDL staff have already greeted/verified the parent.